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PREMIER CHIANG'S ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT TO LEGISLATIVE YUAN

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1. BEGIN SUMMARY. PREMIER DELIVERED CUSTOMARY ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT TO LEGISLATIVE YUAN SEPT 25, TOUCHING UPON GOVERNMENT VIEWS AND POLICIES IN POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL FIELDS. OFFICIAL GIO TEXT POUCHED. POINTS OF MOST INTEREST WERE: REITERATION OF REFUSAL TO NEGOTIATE WITH PEKING; EXPRESSION OF CONTINUING FAITH IN AND ADHERENCE TO US ALLIANCE; CONTINUED EMPHASIS ON ELIMINATING CORRUPTION; AND INDICATIONS (DURING INTERPELLATIONS) THAT CURRENCY REVALUATION UNDER SERIOUS GOVERNMENT CONSIDERATION. THERE WERE SEVERAL DIFFERENCES BETWEEN DELIVERED SPEECH AND GIO-RELEASEFP TEXT, PARTICULARLY IN CONNECTION WITH CCK'S STRONG EXPRESSION OF FAITH IN US COMMITMENTS WHICH IS NOT IN
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OFFICIAL VERSION. WE SUSPECT CCK EXTEMPORANEOUSLY

EMBROIDERED UPON TEXT FURNISHED HIM IN ORDER TO BUCK UP BUREAUCRATIC MORALE. END SUMMARY.

2. PREMIER CHIANG CHING-KUO SEPT 25 DELIVERED ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT TO LEGISLATIVE YUAN, IN EFFECT ROC VERSION OF "STATE OF THE UNION MESSAGE." WHILE PAST PREMIERS USUALLY SUBMITTED WRITTEN REPORT, SINCE STAKING OFFICE AS PREMIER CCK HAS FOLLOWED PRACTICE OF DELIVERING IN PERSON.

3. NO NEW GROUND BROKEN. MAJOR POINTS OF POLITICAL EMPHASIS WERE STRONG REITERATION OF REFUSAL TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS WITH PEKING AND EXPRESSION OF FAITH IN US COMMITMENT TO ROC. IN SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC POLICY, CCK AGAIN EMPHASIZED ELIMINATION OF CORRUPTION, MOE EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME BETWEEN RURAL AND INDUSTRIAL SECTORS AND NEED FOR IMPROVEMENT IN GOVERNMENTAL EFFICIENCY AND SERVICE TO PUBLIC. HE PREDICTED PER CAPITA INCOME FOR 1973 WOULD REACH US \$466. (EMBASSY TRENDS REPORT STANDARD FORM USES PER CAPITA SHARE OF GNP INSTEAD OF PER CAPITA INCOME, PREDICTS FORMER WILL REACH US \$578 BY END 1973.) CCK REPORTED US\$184 MILLION SURPLUS IN CENTRAL GOVERNMENT BUDGET FOR FY 1973 (WHICH ENDED JUNE 30), NOTING TAX REVENUES HAD EXCEEDED PROJECTED COLLECTIONS BY 28 PERCENT.

4. IN OTHER SUBJECT OF ECONOMIC INTEREST, CCK (DURING QUESTION PERIOD) SAID THAT POSSIBLE REVALUATION OF NT DOLLAR IS STILL UNDER REVIEW. HE NOTED MANY HAD SUGGESTED REVALUATION, THAT CABINET WAS GIVING MATTER CAREFUL CONSIDERATION AND WOULD MAKE DECISION "ON BASIS OF WHAT IS BEST FOR NATION AS A WHOLE." DEPT WILL NOTE THIS IS RATHER SOFTER LANGUAGE THAN USED EARLIER (WHEN GOVT HAD LARGELY RULED OUT REVALUATION IN NEAR FUTURE) AND INDICATES REVALUATION IS VERY MUCH A LIVE ISSUE.

5. AS WAS CASE DURING LAST SESSION, EMBOFFS PRESENT NOTED SEVERAL DIFFERENCES BETWEEN SPEECH AS DELIVERED AND OFFICIAL TEXT DISTRIBUTED BY GOVT INFORMATION OFFICE, PARTICULARLY WITH REGARD TO ROC-US RELATIONS. PREMIER TOLD AUDIENCE "US HAS REPEATEDLY REAFFIRMED ITS COMMITMENT
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TO ROC. I DEFINITELY HAVE FAITH IN THIS COMMITMENT." ADDITIONALLY, CCK STATED ROC-US MILITARY COOPERATION "EXTREMELY CLOSE" AND NOTED US 7TH FLEET IS PATROLLING TAIWAN STRAITS. HE EMPHASIZED IMPORTANCE OF ROC-US DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS AND SAID THEY WILL CONTINUE. BY CONTRAST, GIO TEXT INCLUDED NO SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO CLOSE MILITARY COOPERATION, FAITH IN FIRMNESS OF US COMMITMENT OR 7TH FLEET PATROLS IN TAIWAN STRAITS, NOTING ONLY THAT

THE TWO COUNTRIES HAVE LONG HAD RELATIONSHIP OF MUTUAL TRUST, THAT ROC POLICY IS TO "FURTHER IMPROVE SINO-AMERICAN FRIENDSHIP AND ALLIANCE", AND THAT THE TWO COUNTRIES "WILL CONTINUE TO MARCH FORWARD TOGETHER."

6. IN DEPARTURE FROM PAST PRACTICE, VISITOR'S GALLDKMH WAS FILLED WITH VICE MINISTERS AND SENIOR DEPARTMENT HEADS FROM EXECUTIVE BRANCH. EMBASSY SUBSEQUENTLY LEARNED FROM LY PARLIAMENTARIAN THAT PREMIER HAD ASKED MINISTRIES TO SEND SENIOR OFFICIALS. CCK NORMALLY TENDS TO EXPAND UPON OFFICIAL TEXTS PROVIDED HIM BY THE BUREAUCRACY IN ANY CASE, BUT THE PRESENCE OF SENIOR OFFICIALS MAY HAVE PROMPTED HIM TO USE HIS LY SPEECH AS OPPORTUNITY TO BUCK UP MORALE WITHIN THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH. AS EMBASSY HAS REPORTED PREVIOUSLY, US MILITARY WITHDRAWALS, SECRETARY'S FORTHCOMING VISIT TO PEKING AND GENERAL PROGRESS OF US-PRC DETENTE HAVE REACTIVATED AND RE-SURFACED THE ANXIETIES AND DOUBTS ABOUT THE FUTURE OF MANY POLITICALLY CONSCIOUS TAIWANESE AND MAINLANDERS, INCLUDING GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS.

7 WHY CCK'S GLOSSES ON US-ROC RELATIONS DID NOT FIND THEIR WAY INTO GIO TEXT IS QUESTION WE CANNOT COMPLETELY RESOLVE IN OUR OWN MINDS. SIMPLEST ANSWER IS ADMINISTRATIVE INADVERTENCE AND WE HESITATE TO BUILD THEOLOGICAL CONSTRUCTS ON BASIS OF SOMETHING WHICH MIGHT BE NOTHING MORE THAN BUREAUCRACY'S SLOWNESS TO AMEND AND ADVANCE TEXT TO THE FORM IN WHICH ACTUALLY DELIVERED. CONCEIVABLY, HOWEVER, CCK MIGHT HAVE FEARED THAT AN OFFICIAL TBIX WHICH REFERRED TO US 7TH FLEET PATROLS IN THE TAIWAN STRAITS AND "TO EXTREMELY CLOSE" COOPERATION BETWEEN US AND ROC MILITARY COULD LEAD TO SOME FORM OF QUALIFYING STATEMENT BY USG. NEVERTHELESS, OMISSION OF CONFIDENTIAL

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